GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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ISI MARK FOR MINERAL WATER
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have issued instructions to States and Union Territories to enforce mandatory ISI mark for mineral water in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether despite giving instructions to the States to this effect, a large number of mineral water packs are still available in the market without ISI mark;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to check the marketing of such mineral water?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) to (e) At present, ISI Mark for mineral water is not mandatory and as such, the question of issuing such instructions by the Central Govt. does not arise. However, in order to ensure sale of only ISI mark mineral water in the country for maintaining quality of this product, the Government has issued a draft notification in the Gazette inviting comments/suggestions from the public vide GSR No.808(E) dated 10.12.1999 proposing to cover mineral water under mandatory certification of the BIS.